MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cold Water Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

SENATOBIA BAPTIST CHURCH,

FOURTH DISTRICT, DESOTO COUNTY, MISS.,

OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, AND 18, 1869.

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SENATOBIA, Miss., October 15, 1869.

The Messengers from the churches composing the Cold Water Baptist Association convened, not with the Carolina Baptist Church, but for convenience, with the Senatobia Baptist Church, at Senatobia, Fourth District, DeSoto county, Miss., at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1869.

In the absence of Elder J. L. Cross—appointed last session to preach the Introductory Sermon—it was preached by Elder R. H. Whitehead; text: Luke xx. 36—"Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels, and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

An intermission of an hour and a half was taken for refreshments. Prayer and benediction by Elder James Dennis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. A hymn was sung and the Moderator of last session, Elder James Dennis, offered prayer.

The annual letters from the churches were read by Elders E. D. Miller and J. H. Amaker, and the names of their Messengers enrolled. [See Statistical Table.]

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller, proceeded to the election of officers. Brother S. Matthews, Elders H. J. Smith and J. L. Brown were appointed Tellers. The first ballot resulted in the election of W. Ovid Mabry, Clerk; the second, of Elder James Dennis, Moderator, who, on resuming the Chair, made some appropriate remarks and declared the body duly organized and ready for business.

Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon Eureka and Union Grove Churches, of Panola county, and Senatobia and Midway Churches, of DeSoto—all newly constituted—presented such; they were received, the hand of fellowship and an invitation to all the privileges of the body extended to their Messengers by the Moderator, and their names enrolled.

Granted letters of dismission to Bynum Creek and Good Hope Churches.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Devotional Exercises—The minister—Elder J. W. Lipsey—and deacons of Senatobia Church, and one Messenger from each Associational District; viz: Brethren E. G. Graham, of the first; F. Mosley, second; J. L. Mabry, third; Waid Hill, fourth; and A. R. McWilliams, of the fifth.

Order of Business—Brother Samuel Matthews, Elders E. D. Miller and R. G. Hewlet. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

A cordial invitation to seats and participation in the deliberations was given to visiting Baptist brethren of the ministry. Accepted by Elder J. W. Kelly, of Central Association, Tenn.

The following resolution, by Elder Jobe Harral, was adopted:

Resolved, That a half hour be spent in prayer and thanksgiving every morning during this session, preceding business, to our Heavenly Father for the gracious revivals of religion reported by so many of our churches, and that he would revive those asking us to pray for them.

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller it was agreed that the meetings and adjournments of the body be as follows, viz: Meet at 8½ o'clock, A. M., adjourn at 12½; re-assemble at 2½ and adjourn at 4½ o'clock P. M.

On motion adjourned.

Prayer by Elder E. D. Miller. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 16, 1869.

The Association met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Elder Jobe Harral.

The minutes of Friday were read and approved.

On motion of Elder Jobe Harral, Dr. Mell's Rules of Parliamentary Order and Practice were adopted for the government of the body.

The Committee on the Order of Business submitted, through its Chairman, Bro. S. Matthews, the following, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of Messengers and mark absentees.
2. Receive Corresponding Messengers.
3. Hear reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
4. Appoint Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
5. Appoint a Financial Committee.
6. Receive the report of the Associational Mission Board.

7. Appoint a Committee to write Corresponding Letters.
8. Receive reports of Standing Committees:
   1. Domestic Missions.
   2. Foreign Missions.
   3. Sabbath Schools.
   4. Religious Instruction of Colored People.
   5. Prayer Meetings.
   6. Temperance.
   7. Duty of Pastors to their churches.
   8. Duty of churches to their Pastors.
9. Receive Treasurer's report.
10. Appoint a Treasurer.
11. Receive report of Financial Committee.
12. Appoint Standing Committees.
13. Receive reports of Committee on Correspondence.
14. Choose the church with which to hold the next session of the Association.
15. Elect a brother to deliver the Introductory Sermon.
16. Receive resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

S. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

The roll of Messengers was called and absentees marked.

Messengers received from Corresponding Bodies:

From the Baptist State Convention—Elders M. P. Lowery, N. P. Byars and W. S. Perry.

From Chickasaw Association—Elders W. W. Finley, J. E. Smith, Brethren J. H. Morgan and —— Kirk.

From Big Hatchie Association—Elder D. E. Burns, Brethren W. Taylor and Dr. J. D. Adams.

From Yallobusha Association—Elders H. B. Haywood, W. L. Coopwood, W. S. Perry and Bro. T. H. Smith, bearing a letter.

From Tippah Association—Elder M. P. Lowery, bearing a letter.

From Judson Association—Elder Joshua Smith, bearing a letter.

Reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies were as follows:

To Baptist State Convention—Elders. E. D. Miller, J. W. Lipsey and Bro. T. H. Smith reported attendance.

[On motion of Elder J. W. Lipsey the rules were suspended, and Bro. S. Matthews, Elders E. D. Miller, R. G. Hewlet and J. W. Lipsey were appointed a Special Committee to report at their ear-

liest convenience, upon all communications to this body from colored Baptist Churches.]

To Chickasaw Association—Elder J. W. Stein and Bro. T. H. Smith reported attendance.

To Big Hatchie Association—Elder J. W. Stein reported attendance.

To Yallobusha Association—Elders J. H. Collins, R. G. Hewlett and Bro. D. J. Burgess reported attendance.

To Tippah Association—no attendance.

To Judson Association—no attendance.

The appointment of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies was as follows:

To Baptist State Convention—On motion of Elder E. D. Miller, it was ordered that any member or members of this body present at the next session of said Convention be recognized as Messengers. The next session will be held with the Baptist Church in Okolona, Chickasaw county, Miss., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in June, 1870.

To Chickasaw Association—Elders J. W. Stein, R. H. Whitehead, R. G. Hewlet and Bro. T. H. Smith. Next session will be held with Lochapulla Church, fourteen miles west of Pontotoc, Miss., on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1870.

To Big Hatchie Association—Elders J. W. Lipsey, J. W. Stein, Jobe Harral and R. S. Hurt. Next session will be held with Bartlett Church, Shelby county, nine miles northeast of Memphis, on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1870.

To Yallobusha Association—Elders J. H. Collins, T. P. Manning, E. D. Miller and Bro. Dr. A. R. McWilliams. Next session will be held with the Duck Hill Baptist Church, Carroll county, Miss., on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1870.

To Tippah Association—Elders C. B. Young, J. W. Stein, R. G. Hewlet and Bro. S. Matthews. Next session will be with the Unity Baptist Church, six miles southeast of Grand Junction, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1870.

To Judson Association—Elders J. W. Stein, M. J. Skelton, Brethren T. H. Smith and E. A. Barry. Next session will be with Poplar Spring Church, eleven miles northeast of Pontotoc, Miss., Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1870.

Appointed Brethren S. Matthews, Dr. J. L. Mabry and W. H. Caruthers, Financial Committee.

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller the rules were suspended.

Elder E. D. Burns, Agent of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, then ably presented its claims. A collection was taken up for the Board, resulting in, cash, $48 10; gained 254 subscribers for *Kind Words*, and one Sabbath School book subscribed by Elder T. P. Manning, Horn Lake, Miss. On Subscription for *The Baptist*, $32.

The general report of the Executive Board was called for. Not ready. Time given till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Appointed Elders J. W. Stein, J. H. Amacker and T. P. Manning Committee to write Letter of Correspondence.

The Special Committee on Communications from Colored Baptist Churches, reported through their Chairman, Elder E. D. Miller.

On motion, their petition was granted, viz: to be organized by a Committee of the Association at some future time into a separate Association. Committee for the purpose, Elders Jas. Dennis, E. D. Miller, J. W. Lipsey, E. W. Henderson, J. W. Stein, Jobe Harral, Brethren Dr. J. L. Mabry, J. Q. Sandige, S. Matthews, R. T. Sanders, E. M. Parks and T. H. Smith. Place and time of meeting—Sardis, Miss., Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1870.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. Opened by singing, and prayer offered by Elder J. W. Kelly.

The report on Domestic Missions was received. It recommended that the system of Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association for 1868 be dispensed with, and the adoption of another, embracing the appointment of a General Evangelist, General Collecting Agent, etc.

On motion to adopt, discussion ensued. The report was, on motion of Elder E. D. Miller, tabled, and 3 o'clock this evening made the hour for its special consideration.

The report on Foreign Missions was received. Pending a motion for its adoption, the Committee, Elder E. D. Miller, in an address of much interest, presented the claims of the Foreign Mission Board, set forth the extent of its work, number of Missionaries in foreign fields, state and progress of their respective missions, etc. A col-

lection and subscriptions were then taken for the cause, resulting in cash, $22 25; in subscription, $50, pledged as follows:

Oak Grove Church	$ 5 00	Pleasant Grove Church	$5 00
Eudora "	10 00	McIver's Creek "	5 00
Beech Grove "	5 00	Mt. Zion "	5 00
Holly Springs Church	5 00	W. Ovid Mabry, for County Line Church	5 00
Cold Water "	5 00		

The report was then adopted. [See Appendix A.]

At 3 o'clock the report on Domestic Missions was taken up and further discussed.

Elder M. P. Lowery, General Evangelist of the Marion, (Ala.) Board, for the State of Mississippi, addressed the body with zeal and ability, in behalf of the Home Mission cause within the bounds of the State, showing in a clear and forcible manner the great necessity and importance for co-operation in sustaining and building up the Baptist cause—the cause of Christ—at many important points in the State. A collection and subscriptions for the cause were taken. Cash raised $126 70; amount subscribed, $60, as follows:

Salem Church	$15 00	Elder T. P. Manning	$25 00
Oak Grove Church	5 00	Elder J. H. Amacker	5 00
E. O. Crook, for Pleasant Grove	5 00	W. W. Haley	5 00

On motion of Elder Jobe Harral, the report was tabled; and immediately after the report of the Executive Board, made the special time for its further consideration.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning, 8½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Amacker. Benediction by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, October 18, 1869.

The Association met. Special Devotional Exercises were conducted by Elder E. D. Miller.

Resumed business. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The report on Prayer Meetings was received, and after some discussion, was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller, the report on Religious Instruction of Colored People was indefinitely postponed.

No report on the Duty of Pastors to their Churches—Committee, Elder C. B. Young, absent, from sickness.

The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

Appointed the Clerk Treasurer for the next Associational year.

On motion of Elder J. W. Lipsey, the rules were suspended and a collection taken to furnish a room at Union University, Murfreesboro, Tenn., for the students of Mississippi for the Ministry.

Amount raised in cash, $141.

The following resolution by Elder J. W. Lipsey, was adopted:

Resolved, That this body tenders its thanks to the President of Union University for his kind and liberal proposition in regard to the candidates for the Ministry of Cold Water Baptist Association.

The general report of the Executive Board was received through its Chairman, Elder H. J. Smith. Adopted. [See Appendix D.]

At half-past 10 o'clock the report on Domestic Missions was taken from the table, and after a still further discussion, in which Elders R. H. Whitehead, J. W. Lipsey, E. D. Miller, Jobe Harral, J. L. Brown, Brethren S. Matthews, T. H. Smith and others, participated. On motion, the report was recommitted to the Committee—Elder R. H. Whitehead—J. W. Lipsey, E. D. Miller, Jobe Harral, Brethren S. Matthews and T. H. Smith being added.

The report on Sabbath Schools was received. On motion to adopt, the Clerk moved an amendment, upon which discussion followed:

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. A hymn was sung, and after a further discussion on the motion to amend the Sabbath School report, the motion prevailed. The report as amended was then adopted. [See Appendix E.]

The report of the Committe on Domestic Missions was received through the Chairman, Elder R. H. Whitehead. Adopted without discussion. [See Appendix F.]

The following sums were pledged for the General Executive Board, pursuant to the plan of the report, for the next year:

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES.

Hernando	$	Eudora	$10 00
Bethel (By Bro Graham)	5 00	Harmony	15 00
Nonconah	25 00	Beech Grove	10 00
Oak Grove		Holly Springs	10 00
Hopewell		Center Hill	
Corinth		Cold Water	10 00
State Line		Sardis	10 00
Clear Creek, Marshall Co.		Salem	
Pleasant Grove (By Bro. T. H. Smith	5 00	Peach Creek	10 00
Liberty Hill		McIver's Creek	10 00
		Corolina	10 00

Byhalia	10 00	Sunflower	
New Mt. Zion		Singleton's Springs	
New Prospect (By Bro. W. S. Burton	5 00	Clear Creek, Lafayette Co.	30 00
Chulahoma		Antioch (by a member)	5 00
County Line	10 00	Panola (by a member)	5 00
Philadelphia	10 00	Oxford	5 00
Union	10 00	Black Jack	5 00
Mount Zion	20 00	Senatobia	5 00
New Hope	15 00	Midway	5 00
Luxahoma	10 00	Eureka	
		Union Grove	

Amount pledged by churches, $275.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Elder James Dennis	$10 00	Bro. W. Hudgins	$5 00
" R. G. Hewlet	10 00	" J. M. Key	5 00
" E. D. Miller	10 00	" Dr. E. M. Parks	5 00
" H. J. Smith	10 00	" D. J. McCrackin	5 00
Bro. J. C. Andrews	10 00	Miss Price	5 00
" John Hays	10 00	Sister Lipsey	5 00
" A. Pasley	10 00	" Galdin	5 00
" A. L. Godfrey	10 00	Miss A. Wiley	5 00
" S. Matthews	10 00	Sister Evans	5 00
" J. F. Horn	10 00	" J. A. Thornton	5 00
" E. A. Barry	10 00	" Danforth	5 00
Elder J. L. Brown	5 00	" W. H. Gant	5 00
Bro. T. H. Smith	5 00	" E. Garrett	5 00
" Dr. J. L. Mabry	5 00	" Potter	5 00
" C. Fitzgerald	5 00	" Stratton	5 00
" G. M. Durley	5 00	" R. T. Sanders	5 00
" D. J. Perry	5 00	Miss Lenah Wynne	5 00
Elder H. Williams	5 00	" J. Burt	5 00
Bro. J. Walker	5 00	Sister Burgess	5 00
" J. W. Collins	5 00	" French	5 00
" W. J. Hudgins	5 00	" S. E. Clayton	5 00
" T. P. Thornton	5 00	Miss Sue Sandidge	5 00
Mr. F. Crawford	5 00		

Amount of individual pledges, $280. Whole amount pledged, $555.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. R. T. Sanders, first district; Bro. T. H. Smith, second district; Bro. Samuel Matthews, third district; Bro. J. E. Matthews, fourth district; Bro. W. H. Caruthers, fifth district.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

First—Brethren J. B. Sanders, Dr. E. M. Parks, W. Hudgins, H. Harris, W. W. Haley, J. D. Nichols, D. J. Perry, A. L. Godfrey.

Second—Brethren T. E. Mosley, Robt. Wilson, W. Durham, Robt. Flinn, T. P. Sladen, J. B. Clayton, A. J. Cole, J. F. Thornton, W. J. Burton, J. D. Armour and J. O. Brooks.

Third—Brethren Dr. J. L. Mabry, J. W. C. Forte, R. S. Young, J. J. Milam, W. J. Laycook, J. A. C. Stephens, S. M. Cocke, William Haynes, J. C. Ward.

Fourth—Brethren H. J. Smith, H. H. Parnell, A. B. Calaway, E. W. Henderson, J. A. Matthews, J. B. Killebrew, T. J. Harwell, J. W. Hill, W. A. Hill and John Gates.

Fifth—Brethren W. T. Holcomb, W. S. Bunch, John Shankle, Dr. A. R. McWilliams, J. W. Lyles and E. A. Barry.

[The first meetings of the Boards will probably occur before the minutes are published, hence, their non-publication.]

The report on the Duty of Churches to their Pastors was received and adopted. [See Appendix G.]

The report of the Financial Committee was received and adopted. [See Appendix H.]

STANDING COMMITTEES, WITH SUBJECTS FOR REPORTS.

Sabbath Schools.—Elder H. Williams.
Prayer Meetings—Elder R. G. Hewlet.
Temperance—Elder J. H. Amacker.
Foreign Missions—Elder T. P. Manning.
Domestic and Indian Missions—Elder J. W. Stein.
Duty of Pastors to their Churches—Bro. S. Mathews.
Duty of Churches to their Pastors—Bro. R. T. Sanders.
Ministerial Education—Elder J. W. Lipsey.

On motion of Bro. S. Matthews, Elder E. D. Miller was appointed to write a history of Chulahoma Baptist Church, and report it to the next session of our Association.

On motion, the rules were suspended and a collection taken to pay off balance due Elders R. S. Hurt and T. R. Williams for missionary labor in 1868. Collected about $90, of which, Hernando Church paid $9.

The report on Correspondence was received and adopted. [See Appendix I.]

Elders J. H. Amaker, T. H. Smith, M. J. Skelton, R. G. Hewlet, J. H. Collins, Brethren E. D. Graham, Dr. A. R. McWilliams and J. L. Harris, were appointed Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Louisville, Ky., on Thursday before the second Lord's day in May, 1870.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Panola Baptist Church, in the town of Panola, Panola county, Miss., on the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1870.

Appointed Elder J. W. Lipsey to preach the Introductory Sermon.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

By Bro. Samuel Matthews:

Resolved, 1. That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Cold Water Baptist Association be printed and appended to the minutes.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to our Moderator and Clerk for the faithful and impartial manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

By Elder E. D. Miller:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $40 for his services; that he expend the balance of the Associational Fund for printing minutes; that they be distributed among the churches in proportion to sums contributed for the same, and that they be deposited with the Southwestern Publishing Company, Memphis, Tenn.

By Elder M. H. Renfroe:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Bro. Blackburn for the use of his hall during our session.

By Bro. T. H. Smith:

Resolved, That we hereby express and tender our thanks to our brethren and friends of Senatobia and to those in its vicinity, for the kindness and hospitality extended to us and to our visiting brethren and friends on this occasion.

By Elder J. W. Lipsey:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the officers of the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad for all accommodations extended to our Messengers.

The Association, through with its business, the Moderator having made some closing remarks suited to the occasion, the hymn, "What Wondrous Love is this," sung, the parting hand given, adjourned to meet with the church selected and at the time appointed.

Elder JAMES DENNIS, *Moderator*.

W. OVID MABRY, *Clerk*.

PREACHING DURING THE SESSION.

Friday, 11 o'clock A. M.—Introductory Sermon, by Elder R. H. Whitehead.

Friday night—By Elder H. B. Hayward.

Saturday night—By Elder E. D. Miller.

Sunday, 11 o'clock A. M.—A large and intelligent audience was assembled around the stand in the grove. Elder D. E. Burns, in his usually graceful manner, fascinating and eloquent style, delivered an able and interesting discourse, as evinced by the undivided attention and unbroken silence that pervaded the entire audience. Text: Matt. xvi. 1, 2, 3. At the close of the discourse a collection and subscriptions were taken, to aid the Senatobia Baptist Church in erecting their house of worship. Whole amount secured, $280.

Sunday evening—Having partaken of refreshments amply furnished for all in attendance, preaching by Elder A. H. Booth.

Sunday night—By Dr. J. D. Adams.

Monday night—By Elder J. W. Stein.

APPENDIX.

"A"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions only design to submit a few facts on Foreign Missions, and then bring the subject before you in a practical form.

These facts are, first, that the disciples of Jesus Christ are commanded to "preach the gospel to every creature."

The next fact is, that much has been done in the last eighty years toward evangelizing the world. This fact has in it much of hope and of comfort. It is abundantly evident that modern missions are not a failure. The aggregate work of modern missions is thus summed up by Dr. Clark, of the American Board, in a late sermon: "Eighty years ago Cary felt called to be a missionary. That was the beginning of the modern missionary movement. Now there are forty-two societies, with 1800 missionaries engaged in giving the gospel to the heathen. Sixty years ago the American Board was not in existence; now it has 200 churches, and has received in all, 70,000 converts. Sixty years ago nothing had been done in the South Seas; now there are 800 native preachers and 200,000 communicants; there are 100 preachers in Madagascar; 600 missionaries in India; 20,000 communicants in South Africa; 15,000 on the West coast of Africa; 100 native preachers in Turkey and Persia; the King of Burmah, instead of holding Dr. Judson in a filthy dungeon, now welcomes missionaries to his capital, is building a schoolhouse to accommodate a thousand scholars, and has commanded the translation of the British Encyclopedia into the Burmese language. The Queen of Madagascar, instead of persecuting her Christian subjects, is crowned beneath a canopy incribed, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.' In money matters the change is equally striking. In 1788 there was nothing given for the evangelizing of the heathen; in 1808, $100,000; in 1828, $1,000,000; in 1842, $2,000,000; and in 1868, $5,000,000."

The result of the labors of Baptist missionaries in the East is estimated at 100,000, in Richmond, for 1870. These are formed into churches, and these again into associations or conventions. A third fact is, that our Board at Richmond has but four missionaries, and their wives, in foreign lands! A fourth fact is, that our Association, and even our State did almost absolutely nothing for foreign missionaries in 1868 and previous years—contributed in 1868 a little more than $400! It is hoped that 1869 will show a little more zeal and will in this work. Our State Convention last summer requested the pastors in the State to preach a sermon on Foreign Missions and take a collection, and send it to Bro. Taylor. How generally this was attended to, we have no means, yet, of knowing.

Now the practical part: It is believed, at least by your Committee, that there must be a systematic plan of giving, by every church, and by each member of every church, before we can prosecute this great work with vigor. Our Board must see what it has to do with, before it can say what it will do. Agents are not necessary to collect money for Boards, if the pastors would do their duty in this matter. What would we say of agents to baptize new converts, administer the Lord's Supper, etc.? But these are no more pastoral duties than the work that is usually assigned to agents. Let each pastor admonish his members of their duty in this respect, and he is certain to get their contributions. Our members don't contribute because they are not asked to do so. Let us have regular months in the year to give to Foreign Missions, to Home Missions, etc., as "the Lord prospers us."

E. D. MILLER, *Committee.*

"B"

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings is not prepared to say what proportion of the churches composing the Cold Water Association maintain regular prayer-meetings. In the absence of such information we will submit some practical observations on this important subject:

In the opinion of your Committee, a well conducted prayer meeting is essential to the prosperity of a church. Where the members generally feel an interest in, and regularly attend the prayer-meeting, they will become more closely united in the bonds of Christian love; will have increased desires for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom; and in answer to their prayers, the Lord will abundantly bless the efforts of his people. It is to be ardently desired that the members of the church should generally unite in the prayer-meeting. Yet should they not do so, those who do take an interest should not be discouraged. If but two agree together and offer up the prayer of faith, they may expect the blessing to be granted; for the Lord has promised that when two or three meet in his name that he will make one in their midst. Let us therefore not spend our time in complaining of those who stand back, but rather go forward in the strength of the Lord, and thus set our unfaithful brethren an example worthy of imitation There is, however, such a thing as a cold, formal, lifeless, meeting. Such a meeting, instead of proving a blessing to the church, is a reproach to any people, and brings a disgrace upon Christianity.

We have no right to expect God's blessing if we meet together with cold hearts—our affections engrossed with earthly objects. We may, it is true, under such circumstances, converse fluently on the price of cotton, or on the political condition of our country; but no spirit of prayer, no burning desire for the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom. A prayer-meeting composed of such material has a name to live, but is dead; the services are irksome, of short duration and but thinly attended. There being but little, if any, interest felt by the brethren, it is not to be wondered at if some should forget the time of meeting. It is not strange, therefore, that such prayer-meetings are not well attended. No one will go except from a sense of duty, and the sense of duty is not strong enough to lead unconverted

persons where they are not interested. But when a prayer-meeting is spirited and lively, as it ought always to be, it may become a most powerful means of grace to the impenitent—such it has been, and of many such meetings it may be said: "this and that man were born there."

The important inquiry with us is, how shall we maintain and keep alive an interesting, well conducted prayer-meeting? We remark that, if we succeed in this great and good enterprise, we must be prepared for the work; the heart must be prepared, or we shall fail of success. But how shall this preparation be made? We answer, that if we succeed in the prayer-meeting, we must have the spirit of our Master. "Without me," says our Savior, "ye can do nothing." We must, therefore, look to Christ. We must go to him in secret, that we may be enabled to meet our brethren in the prayer-meeting with warm hearts, and carry with us our objects of petition, which have been the burden of our prayers in the closet, and pressed upon our own souls; and thus each one will contribute to the edification of the meeting. Desires will be offered up in unison, and help to swell the petition that goes before the Majesty on high. If all would seek preparation in the closet, by prayer and meditation, and go to the meeting with warm hearts, there could not fail to be a unity of feeling that would glow and burn, and kindle into a flame.

In conclusion, brethren, let us seek a preparation for the prayer-meeting, and thus be enabled to keep up a regular, spirited, live prayer-meeting in each of the churches composing the Cold Water Association, and God's blessing will attend our efforts, our churches revived, and the Redeemer's kingdom built up and established in our midst. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HURT, *Committee.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. Ovid Mabry, Treasurer, in account with the Cold Water Association, 1868.

October 19.	Bal. in Treasury, 1867, for Domestic Missions....	$ 33 00	
"	Rec'd from Financial Committeee for Domestic Missions.....	$379 05	
"	Rec'd from Financial Committee for printing minutes.....		
"	Public collection, Sunday, for Domestic Missions,	140 70	
"	Public collection, Tuesday, for Domestic Missions,	53 00	
November	Rec'd from County Line Church, for Dom. Mis....	70 00	
"	" " Mt. Zion " "	10 00	
"	" " Harmony " "	10 00	
		7 25	—$703 00
October 19.	Paid on order of Executive Board to Missionary, Elder R. S. Hurt.....	$201 58	
"	Paid on order of Executive Board to Missionary, Elder T. R. Williams.....	193 78	
"	Paid on order of Executive Board to Missionary, Elder J. J. Duboise.....	137 80	
November	Paid Southwestern Publishing House, Memphis, Tenn., for printing 900 copies minutes.....	100 70	
December	Paid Missionary, Elder T. R. Williams.....	30 00	
	Clerk's Fee.....	40 00	—$703 86
	Due Treasurer.....		86

Respectfully submitted,

W. OVID MABRY, *Treasurer.*

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board begs leave to report as follows:

First District—Filled seven destitutions with preaching once a month each. Missionaries report as follows: Elder T. P. Manning filled three destitutions and constituted one church. Elder H. Williams filled one destitution with preaching once a month. Elder John Richardson filled one destitution once a month. Elder M. H. Renfroe filled one destitution from June up to the present time with preaching once a month, held one protracted meeting at which forty persons were converted, baptized thirty-seven, organized one church and assisted in organizing two others, assisted in ordaining four deacons and organized one colored church. Board raised $184 10, which has been distributed among Elders T. P. Manning, H. Williams and John Richardson, as per report of Treasurer.

Second District—Employed Elder J. J. Duboise as Missionary. He preached fifty-eight sermons, held two protracted meetings, witnessed twenty conversions and baptized fourteen. Board raised $89 25, which was paid to Bro. Duboise.

Third District—Employed as Missionaries, Elders W. M. Gordon and J. H. Amacker. Bro. Gordon preached ten sermons. Bro. Amacker traveled 190 miles, preached thirteen sermons, witnessed three conversions, constituted one church and baptized four. Paid Bro. Amacker $75, and Bro. Gordon $50.

Fourth District—Elder H. J. Smith, as Missionary, preached twenty-eight sermons, baptized twenty-six, organized one church and ordained two deacons; was paid for services, $55. Elder E. W. Henderson, as Missionary, preached twenty sermons and baptized twenty. He charges the Board nothing for his services.

Fifth District—No report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. HALEY, *Secretary.* H. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools begs to report as follows:

We are deeply pained that the majority of the churches of this Association furnish no intelligence on this subject for the past Associational year. Notwithstanding their good resolutions at the last session of this body, they seem to have been totally indifferent to its important claims.

The Sabbath School should be precious to the heart of every Baptist as an institution of Baptist origin, and one which has been so intimately connected with our most successful efforts to extend the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom, and to impress indelibly upon the minds and hearts of generations past, the precious, fundamental doctrines and truths of the gospel of Christ.

Some of our churches have been engaged in union Sabbath Schools, which

we believe to be wrong. Other churches have had flourishing Sabbath Schools, and in some instances teachers have seen their whole classes converted to God.

We believe the Sabbath School, faithfully attended to, is next in importance to the public preaching of the word, and the early pious instructions of the domestic circle. It will impart vitality, strength and intelligence to any faithful church, and it furnishes a field of usefulness in which all the lovers of Jesus, from childhood to old age, may develop their talents either as pupils or teachers.

The enemies of this institution have sometimes urged that it is a desecration of the Lord's day. If so, then the public ministration of the gospel, and every other enterprise for propagating the truth, conducted during the Sabbath, is a desecration. We believe the scriptures should be the great text-book; that the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs should, as far as possible, be conscientiously committed to memory; that in its study such literature and helps only should be used as tend to the investigation and dissemination of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. To this end we recommend every church in this Association to secure a denominational library, suited to old as well as young; to use *Kind Words*, and to secure life-memberships in our "Self-Acting Tract Society, in Memphis, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEIN, *Committee.*

"F"

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions would respectfully report:

The time has past when it should be deemed necessary to occupy the attention of the Association with arguments in behalf of Domestic Missions. All are agreed that the Holy Scriptures impose upon the churches of Christ the responsibility of sending forth "the heralds of the cross" to proclaim the gospel to every creature, both at home and abroad, in Christian as well as heathen lands. It is, furthermore, the duty of the churches and members of the body of Christ to ascertain the points where the gospel is not heard, and therefore the more culpable will they be, if they remain in ignorance of the destitution in their own midst. Redeeming grace creates in the heart of the Christian a yearning desire for the salvation of all men, and those who are made partakers of the spirit of the God who so loved the world as to give his only begotten Son to die for it, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, will have expansive hearts of love that will make it a pleasant duty to assist by prayer and bountiful offering in the evangelization of the world.

Our own observation, as well as information obtained from the annual reports of the Executive Board and Committee on Domestic Missions, admonish us that there is a vast amount of destitution of the Word of God in the territory of our Association. Hitherto we must be conscious that the white "harvest field" has not been occupied with reapers, and souls have perished, and are, no doubt, yet perishing for the lack of knowledge or rather on account of our unfaithfulness.

The report on Domestic Missions made at the former session of this body revealed the startling intelligence, that in each of the Districts of our Association there were probably four or five points of destitution. The plans heretofore adopted by this body for occupying this field, have, in a great measure proven failures. The great difficulty has been in raising the necessary means to sustain the Missionary. Appeals embraced in our annual reports, and the efforts of the Executive Board have failed to stir up in our churches the necessary zeal and liberality to sustain our missionary operations; and we all feel how unwise it is to depend mainly upon contributions raised by spasmodic appeals, made at our annual sessions, to sustain this work. It is a lamentable fact that the far greater portion of our churches have never adopted any system of regular contributions for the support either of their own pastors or the cause of missions. The directions of the Word of God upon this subject have been unheeded by the churches. Consequently, our Executive Board employs our Missionaries without any certainty that his salary will be paid. Year after year the obligations of the churches to their Missionaries are but partially and unpunctually met, and such has been the guess-work method of our operations that now it has become a difficult matter to get suitable men to labor with entire consecration to the work in our fields of destitution. Your Committee feel that it is a matter of prime importance to adopt some more efficient plan to raise means to sustain our missionary work, but recommend that the present plan be preserved with these amendments: First, To organize a General Board of Five, one from each District, the duty of which shall be to supply the destitute places in any District that is not able to do the work itself; and further, that we will now pledge ourselves and churches to raise money for this Board.

Second, the District Boards shall remain as they now are, employ missionaries on their own account, if able, make all reports to the General Board and that Board report to the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

"G"

REPORT ON THE DUTY OF CHURCHES TO THEIR PASTORS.

DeSoto Co., Miss., October 12, 1869.

To the Cold Water Baptist Association:

Your Committee, appointed to write on the Duty of Churches to their Pastors, begs leave to submit the following report:

We learn from the scriptures that God was, in the person of his Son, reconciling the world unto himself. To this end was the church established; the foundation of which, Paul declares to be the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. A community of men and women, built upon this foundation, for the purpose of executing the will and commands of our Savior, we call, in imitation of the apostles, a church. To the churches, then, as representing the body, Christ being the head, is committed the great duty and privilege of preaching, or having preached, the gospel to all the world

of carrying out the ordinances instituted, and of exhibiting such works as will influence others to glorify God.

That churches may be efficient, it is absolutely necessary that they have organization and officers; and it is the business of this Committee to point out the churches' duty to one class of their officers, namely, pastors who are elected as agents or employees to perform certain specific duties.

All bodies are responsible for the manner and doings of their agents; hence, it is the duty of churches to see that their pastors are not only honest and capable, but that they do the work pertaining to their office.

Agents or employees should have time and means that they may be able to perform any specific work required at their hands, If, then, it be the duty of pastors, as taught by inspiration, to study and show themselves approved of God—workmen that needeth not to be ashamed; to give themselves wholly to the ministry, and not to be entangled with the things of this life, it follows that the churches should provide ways and means that they may have time to prepare for, and ability to execute, the great work committed to their charge.

And while it is the duty of churches to enable their pastors to study and devote their time wholly to the work of the ministry, it is, furthermore, their duty, in case said pastors fail to do the work assigned them, either from a want of honesty or ability, to disposses them of their office and install others therein who will do their Master's bidding.

It is also the duty of churches to love and esteem their pastors for their work's sake; to be slow to listen to complaints against them, and to pray for them, that they may be able rightly to define the Word of Truth, so that both saint and sinner may be benefited by their labors.

The churches, collectively, compose the grand army of Christ. Each member is regarded as a soldier of the cross, and is commanded to put on the whole armor of God. And while the mighty Chieftain of this host is the Captain of our salvation, pastors are regarded as under-Captains over the churches, to lead them on successfully in their mighty struggle against the powers of darkness. But that they may do this, the churches should look to them for the word of command, and be prompt in obedience.

The mission of the churches is the salvation of the world, but to accomplish this, it is just as necessary for their members to be good soldiers, well drilled well armed and waiting to be obedient to their chosen leaders in spiritual things, as it is for a temporal army to be thus ready, in order to overcome an enemy in mortal combat.

The churches thus organized, with the direction and support of their great head, cannot fail of success. And whenever they come forth in the strength of Omnipotence, putting on the whole armor of God, each member and officer performing his entire duty, then, and not till then, may we expect an answer to that prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

E. M. PARKS, *Committee.*

"H"

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that it has collected from the churches $174 50 for printing minutes. Respectfully snbmitted,

SAMUEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

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LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Religious Bodies in Correspondence with the Cold Water Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—Our Association convened with the church at Senatobia, DeSoto county, Miss., on the Miss. & Tenn. R. R. Our session was animated and harmonious. We number forty-two churches, many of which report most cheering news of gracious revivals of religion and many accessions to the church. Our missionary labor the past year has been conducted on a somewhat different plan, but has been signally blessed. Four new churches have been constituted and three ministers ordained. Our statistics are as follows: Baptized the past year, 301; received by letter, 138; restored, 10; dismissed by letter, 236; excluded, 44; died, 30; total number, 2,884.

Brethren, we have appointed Messengers to your next session who we hope will attend punctually, and we cordially invite brethren and friends generally, to attend our next session, which will be held with Panola Creek Church, Lafayette county, ten miles from Oxford.

J. W. STEIN, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," which shall meet annually.

ART. 2. Every church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number exceeds fifty members, and for every additional fifty members one more representative; and no church shall be represented except by members of its own body.

ART. 3. The delegates representing churches shall at the opening of the session present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment as delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, and died during the year.

ART. 4. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting; and if any church thus fail at two successive meetings, the Association may consider it dropped from its number, or may send a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other churches expressing to our satisfaction their approval of our articles of faith, and their willingness to walk in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this Union by signifying their willingness to do so by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the delegates' names enrolled.

ART. 7. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches, but it may when requested by a church in its letter of correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 8. This Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and it shall appoint one or more persons to take charge of such funds, as churches or individuals may contribute through this body for any evangelical object, and forward the same as they may be designated, and report to the next associational meeting.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond by letter and messengers with the Baptist State Convention of this State, and General Association of North Mississippi, as well as with other representative bodies of our denomination.

ART. 10. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise, and no session shall adjourn unless in extraordinary cases until it shall have finished its business.

ART. 11. This Association shall not receive any query which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of the body.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be considered regularly organized for business at each annual meeting when it shall have elected a Moderator and Clerk.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body and preserve order.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, but should any member be dissatisfied with his decision, he shall have the right to appeal to the decision of the Association.

4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech of any other member of the body, provided he calls some brother to the chair, but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

5. Every motion made and seconded after sufficient time for discussion shall be, by the Moderator, put to the vote of the Association, a majority of which shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator,

6. But one member shall speak at a time, whose duty it shall be to rise from his seat and obtain leave from the Moderator.

7. It shall be the duty of every member in addressing this body to confine himself to the subject under discussion, and not to indulge in any invective or sarcastic language calculated to wound the feelings of a brother.

8. The appellation Brother shall be used in our addresses to each other.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

10. No member will be allowed to absent himself during the hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association, and submit the same to the correction of the Association at the close of each session, and register the same in a book for preservation.

12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys presented for associational purposes, and pay them over by the order of this body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF COLD WATER ASSOCIATION.

James Dennis.....Hernando, Miss.
J. W. Lipsey.....Hernando, Miss.
Jobe Harral.....Eudora, Miss.
J. D. Nichols.....Eudora, Miss.
Wm. Wooten.....Chulohoma, Miss.
E. D. Millen.....Holly Springs, Miss.
T. P. Manning.....Horn Lake, Miss.
C. B. Young.....Sardis, Miss.
E. W. Henderson.....Sardis, Miss.
J. H. Amacker.....Tyro, Miss.
M. H. Renfroe.....Arkabutla, Miss.
J. L. Brown.....Arkabutla, Miss.
H. Williams.....Arkabutla, Miss.
H. J. Smith.....Senatobia, Miss.
R. S. Hurt.....Senatobia, Miss.
John Richardson.....Cockrum, Miss.
J. J. Duboise.....Olive Branch, Miss.
N. L. Wilson.....Byhalia, Miss.
M. J. Skelton.....Byhalia, Miss.
R. G. Hewlet.....Oxford, Miss.
R. H. Whitehead.....Oxford, Miss.
J. W. Stein.....Colliersville, Tenn.
W. M. Gordon.....Looxahoma, Miss.
J. H. Howard.....Looxahoma, Miss.
J. B. Barry.....Eureka, Miss.
J. H. Collins.....Long Creek, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

M. J. Vaiden.....Halifax, Miss.
J. N. White.....Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Dr. E. M. Parks.....Cold Water, Miss.
J. W. Echols.....Senatobia Miss.
Carter White.....Cockrum, Miss.
W. W. Haley.....Arkabutla, Miss.

Note.—Elder James M. Rogers died the past year. Elders J. L. Cross and T. R. Williams moved out of the bounds of the Association.

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Districts.	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POSTOFFICES.
1st. Dist.	Hernando	DeSoto	Hernando
	Bethel	"	Elm Grove
	Nonconnah	Shelby	Memphis
	Oak Grove	DeSoto	Hernando
	Hopewell	"	Arkabutla
	Eudora	"	Hernando
	Beach Grove	"	"
2d Dist.	Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs
	Center Hill	DeSoto	Collierville, Tenn
	Cold Water	Marshall	Oak Grove
	Corinth	"	Byhalia
	State Line	DeSoto	Olive Branch
	Clear Creek	Marshall	N'th Mt. Pleasant
	Pleasant Grove	"	Holly Springs
	Liberty Hill	"	Watson
	Byhalia	"	Byhalia
	North Mt. Zion	"	N'th M. Pleasant
3d Dist.	New Prospect	DeSoto	Olive Branch
	Chulahoma	Marshall	Chulahoma
	County Line	"	Tyro
	Philadelphia	"	Wall Hill
	Union	Panola	Sardis
	Mount Zion	DeSoto	Independence
	New Hope	"	Cockrum
	Looxahoma	"	Looxahoma
	Harmony	Lafayette	Tyro
	Midway	DeSoto	
4th Dist.	Sardis	Panola	Sardis
	Salem	DeSoto	Senatobia
	Peach Creek	Panola	Peach Creek
	McIver's Creek	"	Star Place
	Carolina	DeSoto	Senatobia
	Sunflower	Coahoma	Shufordsville
	Singl'tn's Spr'ngs	DeSoto	Senatobia
	Senatobia	"	"
5th Dist.	Union Grove	Panola	Longtown
	Clear Creek	Lafayette	Oxford
	Antioch	Panola	Long Creek
	Panola	"	Panola
	Oxford	Lafayette	Oxford
	Black Jack	Panola	Spring Port
	Eureka	"	Eureka
	No. churches...42		
	Total		

* Absentees.

NOTE.—Good Hope and Bynum Creek Chu
Home and $4 for minutes. The latter also paid $
for Orphan's Home, $8. Sardis Church reports: p
ized Sabbath Schools, viz: Hernando, New Hope,
Liberty Church is dissolved.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

UNTIES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	Days of meeting	Number Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Associational Fund
Soto	Hernando	J. W. Lipsey, S. C. Williams, N. M. Whitley	J. W. Lipsey	4	1			11	5	1	62	$8 00
"	Elm Grove	E M Parks, A Echols, J M Dean, T B Thornton, A Graham	J. W. Lipsey	3	39	3		33	5		152	10 00
elby	Memphis	T P Manning, W B Garey, W Hudgens		1							36	3 00
Soto	Hernando	F M Winburn, M S Kirkland, L H Hall	J. D. Nichols	3	9	13		3			42	2 50
"	Arkabutla	J L Brown, M H Renfroe, H Williams, W W Haley, T D Howze	H. J. Smith	1	11	13		5	4	3	160	5 00
"	Hernando	Jobe Harrall, J D Nichols, J W Barriss*	Jobe Harral	2	8	2		6			34	3 00
"	"	D J Perry, A J Tully, J F Walker	James Dennis	1	8	9					65	4 00
rshall	Holly Springs	E D Miller, T Mosley, E N Kilpatrick*	E. D. Miller	2-4					3		27	2 50
Soto	Collierville, Tenn	Not represented. Number of members in 186									61	
rshall	Oak Grove	F Mosley, G W Thomas,* S C Luck, J O Brook	J. W. Stein	3	21	8	2	1	2		103	8 00
"	Byhalia	Not represented. Number of members in 186									79	3 00
Soto	Olive Branch	J J Duboise, G W Pace,* R S. Flinn*	J. L. Cross	3	1	1					30	1 50
rshall	N'th Mt. Pleasant	Not represented. Number of members in 186									42	
"	Holly Springs	T H Smith, J B Clayton, A E Crook	J. W. Stein	2		2		5			44	4 00
"	Watson	W M Best,* H Green, A J Cole	J. J. Duboise	4	17			3			40	2 00
"	Byhalia	M J Skelton, E J Sanders, J L Harris	J. L. Cross	1		3		2	2		41	3 00
"	N'th M. Pleasant	F M Bevil, T J Lockhart, J F Gardner	N. L. Wilson	3	11	2	1	7	1	1	42	3 75
Soto	Olive Branch	R Smith, J W Collins, W S Burton	J. J. Duboise	2	2			3			19	2 25
rshall	Chulahoma	J L Mabry, Jno W Hill, G F Taylor	E. D. Miller	1-3	2	1		9	2		38	3 00
"	Tyro	J G Barnett, W O Mabry, W H Gant, J W C For	J. H. Amacker	4	6	3	1	5			138	8 00
"	Wall Hill	W M Harris, J J Milam, J S Williams	W. M. Gordon	2	6	4		3	2	4	62	5 50
nola	Sardis	C B Young, J C Andrews, S Matthews, J Hays, R Hoke	C. B. Young	4	2	3	1	5	2	1	161	7 50
Soto	Independence	J Q Sandidge, N E Perkins, S G W Poag, W Felton*	J. W. Stein	1	10	2	1	11	6		117	10 00
"	Cockrum	Jno Richardson, A White, jr. T J Carter, R L Nols	Jno. Richardson	3	2		1	4	4	1	92	5 00
"	Looxahoma	W M Cocke, J M Howard	C. B. Young	1	3	14		9		2	42	4 00
fayette	Tyro	J H Amacker, W. Haynes, G W Durley	J. H. Amacker	2	19	6		1		1	58	4 00
Soto		J Billingsly, J C Ward, J J Egger	M. H. Renfroe								46	2 00
nola	Sardis	E W Henderson, Waid Hill, A W Lowe	J. W. Lipsey	1	3	1		2			40	3 00
Soto	Senatobia	H J Smith, J W Echols, S Williams, E Garrett, E Echols	E. W. Henderson	3	8			15	1	3	168	5 00
nola	Peach Creek	A L Lawson, S C English, T F Henderson*	H. J. Smith	4	8	4	1	17	2	2	58	5 00
"	Star Place	J Ragan, J Morris, C Fitzgerald	E. W. Henderson	2	24	7		30	1	1	69	5 00
Soto	Senatobia	A Pasley, T A Harrell, Joel Key	W. M. Gordon	2	2			57			47	2 00
ahoma	Shufordsville	Not represented. Number of members in 18									67	
Soto	Senatobia	R S Hurt, A L Godfrey, John Hill	J. L. Brown	4	17	6			1	3	54	4 00
"	"	R P Goodlett, W A Hill, J E Matthews	J. W. Lipsey								27	4 00
nola	Longtown	B H Mitchell, W G Hill, John Gates	H. J. Smith	3	18	8					46	4 00
fayette	Oxford	R G Hewlett, J F Jackson, A B Hudson, D J Ress	R. G. Hewlett	2	28	4	2	8	1		105	5 00
nola	Long Creek	J H Collins, S D Johns, Jno Shankle, S Bobo	H. B. Hayward	3	14	5		6		5	215	5 00
"	Panola	A R McWilliams, D Butts,* J C Lewis,*	C. B. Young	2		1		1		1	26	3 00
fayette	Oxford	R H Whitehead, W H Carnthers, J W Lyles	R. H. Whitehead		3	2		1		1	45	3 00
nola	Spring Port	J J Wooten, P F Dooley,* B N Horne*	J. B. Barry	1	4	4		4			18	2 00
"	Eureka	J B Barry,* E A Barry, J W Acker	J. B. Barry	2	4	7					16	2 00
				301	138	10	236	44	30		2884	$166 50

pe and Bynum Creek Churches dismissed to join Yallousha Associati The former paid $10 50 for Foreign Missions, $2 25 for Orphan's es. The latter also paid $4 for minutes. Holly Springs Church letter s: for Foreign Missions, $12; for Sunday School Cause, $4, and Sardis Church reports: paid during the past year to the Mission Boar Home Missions, $36. The following churches report organ- iz: Hernando, New Hope, Oxford, Panola, Chulahoma Byhalia, Cold W Hopewell, Bethel, Peach Creek, Carolina and Clear Creek. dissolved.